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KANSAS FEEDLOT INVENTORY DOWN 9 PERCENT FROM 2002

The number of **cattle on feed** on February 1, 2003, in Kansas feedlots with 1,000 head or more capacity totaled 2.22 million head, down 9 percent from a year ago but 1 percent above the number on hand January 1, 2003. Placements during January totaled 540,000 head, 2 percent higher than a year ago, and 38 percent above December 2002 placements of 390,000 head. **Marketings** during January totaled 500,000 head, 7 percent below January 2002 but 6 percent above December 2002. **Other disappearance** was 20,000 head, unchanged from both a year ago and the previous month. The percent of January placements by weight was: under 600 pounds, 12.0 percent; 600-699 pounds, 34.3 percent; 700-799 pounds, 37.0 percent; and 800 pounds or heavier, 16.7 percent. The number of cattle feedlots, January 1 inventory, and annual number marketed during 2002 by size of feedlot are shown on the next page.

CATTLE ON FEED, PLACEMENTS, MARKETINGS, AND OTHER DISAPPEARANCE, 1,000+ Head Capacity Feedlots, Selected States and United States, January-February 2002-2003

State	Number on Feed 1/				January Placements		January Marketings		Other Disappearance during January 2/	
	January 1 2003	February 1								
		2002	2003	% of 2002	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	-----1,000 Head-----			(%)	----------1,000 Head----------					
AZ	289	311	291	94	32	29	25	24	1	3
CA	490	475	475	100	59	58	57	67	7	6
CO	1,020	1,180	1,030	87	225	235	215	215	10	10
ID	295	320	285	89	57	56	65	65	2	1
IA	355	395	360	91	91	69	50	62	1	2
KS	**2,200**	**2,450**	**2,220**	**91**	**530**	**540**	**540**	**500**	**20**	**20**
NE	2,140	2,290	2,220	97	490	480	405	390	25	10
NM	119	109	112	103	11	8	9	14	1	1
OK	330	350	325	93	67	46	74	49	3	2
SD	205	200	215	108	46	53	38	42	3	1
TX	2,630	2,850	2,630	92	480	450	500	435	10	15
WA	*185	237	180	76	41	36	50	39	1	2
Other States	335	405	340	84	50	75	55	68	5	2
U.S.	*10,593	11,572	10,683	92	2,179	2,135	2,083	1,970	89	75

1/ Being fattened for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates to grade select or better. 2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots. * Revised.

CATTLE ON FEED: NUMBER PLACED ON FEED BY WEIGHT GROUP, 1,000+ Head Capacity Feedlots, Selected States and United States, January 2002-2003

State	Placed in January									
	Under 600 lbs.		600-699 lbs.		700-799 lbs.		800 Plus lbs.		Total	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	----------1,000 Head----------									
CO	30	43	74	52	84	100	37	40	225	235
KS	**55**	**65**	**170**	**185**	**205**	**200**	**100**	**90**	**530**	**540**
NE	61	70	139	135	170	161	120	114	490	480
TX	105	135	140	130	165	135	70	50	480	450
Other States	130	120	95	85	114	110	115	115	454	430
US	381	433	618	587	738	706	442	409	2,179	2,135

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.7 million head on February 1, 2003. The inventory was 8 percent below February 1, 2002 and 11 percent below February 1, 2001. **Placements** in feedlots during January totaled 2.14 million, 2 percent below 2002 and 6 percent below 2001. Net placements were 2.06 million. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 433,000, 600-699 pounds were 587,000, 700-799 pounds were 706,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 409,000. **Marketings** of fed cattle during January totaled 1.97 million, down 5 percent from 2002 and down 4 percent from 2001. **Other disappearance** totaled 75,000 head during January, 16 percent below 2002 and 4 percent below 2001.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head represented 82.0 percent of all cattle and calves on feed in the United States on January 1, 2003, down from 83.4 percent on January 1, 2002.

Marketings of fed cattle from feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head during 2002 represented 86.3 percent of all cattle marketed from feedlots in the United States, down from 87.0 percent during 2001.

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CATTLE ON FEED: 2003 Number of Feedlots, Inventory, and 2002 Marketings, Selected States and United States

Feedlot Size		CO	**KS**	NE	TX	U.S.
1,000 - 1,999	Number of Lots	43	33	280	6	850
	Jan. 1, 2003 Inventory	16	20	150	3	429
	Marketed in 2002	45	40	310	10	899
2,000 - 3,999	Number of Lots	36	47	221	5	542
	Jan. 1, 2003 Inventory	35	50	300	5	686
	Marketed in 2002	70	120	570	15	1,361
4,000 - 7,999	Number of Lots	33	45	134	15	344
	Jan. 1, 2003 Inventory	97	120	425	32	959
	Marketed in 2002	195	275	920	85	2,051
8,000 - 15,999	Number of Lots	20	36	64	26	191
	Jan. 1, 2003 Inventory	109	280	465	175	1,213
	Marketed in 2002	245	700	1,070	390	2,832
16,000 - 31,999	Number of Lots	14	35	33	35	141
	Jan. 1, 2003 Inventory	222	550	505	505	2,172
	Marketed in 2002	500	1,390	1,100	1,180	4,905
32,000 plus	Number of Lots	12	29	8	49	121
	Jan. 1, 2003 Inventory	541	1,180	295	1,910	5,134
	Marketed in 2002	1,415	2,970	640	4,300	11,591
Total	Number of Lots	158	225	740	136	2,189
	Jan. 1, 2003 Inventory	1,020	2,200	2,140	2,630	10,593
	Marketed in 2002	2,470	5,495	4,610	5,980	23,639

1/ Size groups are based on feedlot capacity.

KANSAS Cattle & Calf and Beef Cow Operations

Year	Number of Operations	Number of Operations Having:					Percent of Inventory for Operations Having:				
		1-49 Head	50-99 Head	100-499 Head	500-999 Head	1000+ Head	1-49 Head	50-99 Head	100-499 Head	500-999 Head	1000+ Head
CATTLE AND CALVES											
2000	36,000	17,000	7,300	9,900	1,200	600	5.5	7.5	30.0	12.0	45.0
2001	35,000	16,400	7,100	9,700	1,150	650	5.3	7.2	29.5	11.0	47.0
2002	34,000	16,000	6,900	9,400	1,050	650	5.2	7.0	29.0	10.8	48.0
BEEF COWS											
2000	29,000	19,500	5,300	4,030	170	NA	25.0	23.0	44.0	8.0	NA
2001	29,000	19,200	5,400	4,230	170	NA	24.5	23.0	44.0	8.5	NA
2002	28,000	18,600	5,200	4,020	180	NA	24.5	23.0	44.0	8.5	NA

MARKET IMPLICATION -Provided by Jim Mintert, Extension Ag Economist at KSU - Research & Extension Service

This afternoon's **Cattle on Feed** report indicated that the on feed inventory was about 8% smaller than last year and that net placements of cattle on feed during January fell by 1.4% compared to last year. The on feed estimate was near pre-release expectations, whereas placements were slightly larger, and marketings slightly smaller, than the trade expected. The differences were small enough that they are not likely to have a large impact on prices when trading resumes next week.

Long term, USDA's on feed report still suggests that fed cattle supplies are likely to remain tight the rest of the winter and early spring. The tightness in supplies suggests that slaughter cattle prices are likely to remain in the high $70's the rest of the winter and early spring. But there are two big concerns hanging over the cattle market. First, how much impact will rising tensions in the Middle East and Pacific Rim have on consumer demand for beef in both the U.S. and in major export destinations, such as Japan, S. Korea, and Mexico? Second, when, and by how much, will placements on feed rise? The **Cattle** inventory report indicated that the inventory of cattle on small grain (largely wheat) pasture this year is up about one-third compared to last year. As a result, placements could start to increase soon as cattle are pulled off of wheat pasture, which will boost late summer and early fall marketings.

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